



Ysgol Gynradd Aberbargoed Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Monday 5th December 2018

Cold Weather & School Closures

As we enter the winter months I thought it may be helpful to remind you of what will happen at school in the event of snow. There are three situations:-

1. In the event of a significant snowfall before school starts it is likely that the school will close for the day. The decision will be made considering the amount of snow, the state of the roads and pavements and the wellbeing of pupils, parents and staff in travelling to school. If walking on pavements is difficult it is highly likely that the school will be closed.
2. In the event of a heavy snowfall occurring during the morning while school is already open we will contact parents and advise you that the school is to close by lunchtime and your children will need to be collected. We shall send out a text message alerting you and you will be able to collect your child from school.
3. In the event of heavy snow in the afternoon school will remain open until the end of the school day. However we will aim to contact parents as quickly as possible via our text message service to collect children. Again it may be easier and quicker for parents to collect children if they are concerned about the weather becoming worse.

Any decision to close the school will be made on the basis of the wellbeing of children and adults travelling to and from school.

It is helpful if we have the correct mobile numbers for parents to receive our text message service. Please contact the school to advise of new numbers.

Information about school closures etc will be posted on the Caerphilly Council web site, Twitter and the text messaging service.

Christmas Arrangements At Aberbargoed Primary

Many thanks to everyone for supporting our Mini enterprise event for each class last Friday. I'm not sure how much the children raised but each class will be deciding how they want to spend their money.

Many thanks for your support with our sponsored Penalty Shoot Out and Children in Need. Both events were a great success and lots of fun too.

Christmas Concerts

- Our Foundation Phase (Classes 1-4) children will be performing "It's A Party" at 2pm on Wednesday 19th December and 10am on Thursday 20th December **We will need Nursery children to stay in school for the afternoon performance on Wednesday please.**
- Our Key Stage Two children will be performing "Cinderella Rockerfella" at 10am on Wednesday 19th December and 1.45pm on Thursday 20th December

• Tickets cost £2.00 for each performance and will go on sale from today.

Please note that preschool children, babies etc will not be allowed to attend the performances. This is because we do not want the children's performances to be disrupted or spoilt.

Please arrive on time for each performance as THERE WILL BE NO ADMISSION ONCE THE SHOW STARTS

Christmas Carol Service

Once again we shall be holding a Carol Service at 1.30 on Friday 21st December. It will be informal and fun – so please be ready to sing! Last year the highlight of the service was a staff song – it's worth coming just for that!

End of Term Parties

Our end of term/Christmas parties will be held in class on the last morning of School on Friday 21st December



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Christmas Jumper Days **School Christmas Dinner**

Over the last few years we all enjoyed wearing our Christmas Jumpers on a number of occasions through December.

So this year pupils and staff can wear their Christmas jumpers every Friday from Friday December 7th. We are inviting voluntary donations to Save The Children. This is because our former pupil and actor Luke Evans is an ambassador for Save The Children and recently returned from the Middle East where he made a film about the work of Save The Children in supporting children whose lives have been affected by violence and wars around them.

School Christmas Dinner

Just a reminder our School Christmas Dinner will be served this Friday. Please make sure you have ordered a meal for your child if required.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3.12.18 School Health Nurse Immunisation Programme Visit for Classes 2-8
 3.12.18 0900 Pandemonium Theatre visiting school
 4.12.18 Parents Evenings
 5.12.18 Parents Evenings
 6.12.18 Classes 2,3,4 to Breakfast With Santa
 7.12.18 School Christmas dinner for pupils
 7.12.18 Christmas Jumper Day
 13.12.18 Nursery Visit to Sherman Theatre,
 13.12.18 Christmas Film Night after School
 14.12.18 Classes 2-8 to Ice Skating
 14.12.18 Christmas Jumper Day
 19.12.18 1000 Key Stage Two Concert
 19.12.18 2pm Foundation Phase Concert
 20.12.18 10.00 Foundation Phase Concert
 20.12.18 13.45 Key Stage Two Concert
 21.12.18 AM End of term Parties
 21.12.18 Christmas Jumper Day
 21.12.18 Carol Service at 1.30 in School Hall
 21.12.18 Last Day of Term

7.1.19 First Day of Spring Term 2019
 8.1.19 Class 7/8 start Mindfulness course at school
 10.1.19 Class 7 start Ship Shape Project
 21.1.19 Class 7 ShipShape Project Production Day 1
 24.1.19 Class 7 ShipShape Project Production Day 2
 8.2.19 Year 6 to Crucial Crew
 14.2.19 Valentine's Day Disco for Classes 1-4 5pm -6.15
 14.2.19 Valentine's Day Disco for Classes 1-4 6.30-8pm
 25.2.19-1.3.19 SPRING HALF TERM HOLIDAY
 4.3.19 START OF WELSH WEEK
 8.3.19 School Eisteddfod
 11.3.19 Year 6 to WINGS TO FLY this week – date and time to be confirmed
 18.3.19-29.3.19 Successful Futures Weeks – all classes
 28.3.19 Cinema Night – after School
 1.4.19 – 5.4.19 Phil Davies to work with Classes 5/6 on Write Inspired
 8.4.19 Mini Enterprise Week
 12.4.19 Mini Enterprise Sales at 3.20 in each class
 12.4.19 Last Day of Spring Term
 29.4.19 First Day of Summer Term

School Term Dates 2018-2019

Autumn Term 2018

Begins	Half Term starts	Half Term Ends	Ends
Mon 3 rd Sept 2018	Mon 29 th Oct 2018	Fri 2 nd Nov 2018	Fri 21 st Dec 2018

Spring Term 2019

Begins	Half Term starts	Half Term Ends	Ends
Mon 7th Jan 2019	Mon 25th Feb 2019	Fri 1st Mar 2019	Fri 12th Apr 2019

Summer Term 2019

Begins	Half Term starts	Half Term Ends	Ends
Mon 29th Apr 2019	Mon 27th May 2019	Fri 31st May 2019	Mon 22nd July 2019

School will also be closed for an additional five days of Staff training during the year These are likely to be 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, May 2019 (the week before Whitsun half term)